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NO FUNDING FOR INDIA AT THIS TIME

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- 11. (SBU) Embassy New Delhi's Political, Defense Attache, and Defense Cooperation offices evaluated reftel request for FY07 Section 1206 proposals and concur that the USG should not transfer assistance to India at this time. This evaluation is made in the context of India's current military capabilities and ability -- even insistence -- to self-fund counterterrorist operations/stability operations.
- 12. (C) Post would like to emphasize that this recommendation is strictly in regard to Section 1206 funding, and in no way is meant to insinuate that the USG should refrain in FY07 or beyond from seeking Indian cooperation to conduct counterterrorist operations or support military/stability operations in which the U.S. Armed Forces are a participant. PYATT